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April 24, 2004
10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
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Mayor's Message to the People:

Greetings to all of you after a cold, wintry season. I hope this finds each and every one of you in good health and ready to embrace the beautiful season of Spring.

First, let me take this opportunity to thank Marty Wilson, Director of Public Works and Utilities, and his staff for their excellent work during the snow storms and the recent wind gusts damage of down trees and power lines. You and your staff have my highest accolades for a job well done. I am also thankful for the way City Manager Ed Burchins and the entire city staff have served the citizens of Newton and how they continue to make our city one of the best cities in North Carolina to live, work, and raise a family. The Council and I are very grateful and appreciative for all the work the employees do for the city and its citizens.

During the last three months, the City Council and I finished a Planning Work Shop (formerly named Planning Retreat) to reflect back on the positive improvements and accomplishments made and to go through a brainstorming process to determine a vision, a mission statement, key goals, and core values for the Council. Our mission is to ensure that city government exerts a positive impact in the community. We see the City of Newton as the county seat and as such, we are dedicated to being progressive leaders in our region. We will continue to provide high quality, efficient, and economical services, in an open and honest manner that meet the needs of all citizens, businesses, and industries. Our goal is for Newton to be a **"HIGH PERFORMANCE CITY"** that is characterized as having a professional, knowledgeable staff, responsive to the needs of the citizens, that is respectful, enthusiastic, flexible, plans ahead for future growth, and exhibits teamwork.

As we continue to reflect back on last year, positive improvements have been made and are still being made due to your support as a community. We are in the middle of an \$11 million Capital Improvements Project upgrading the water plant, the dam on the Jacobs Fork River and the Wastewater Treatment Plant, and planning on providing water and sewer to areas of our city that do not have those services. We are very excited about the Eastern Loop which will connect Hwy. 16 with Interstate 40 and Highway 70 and for many other projects pending on our priority list. Newton is the Heart of the county and it is my desire to do everything I can to make it the best it can be. I'm excited about Newton. We have good people here and it's a great place to live, work, and play. The bottom line is that I want everyone to realize that everything the City Council does, is with your best interest at heart. Every dollar we spend is YOURS, every dollar we save is YOURS. I encourage everyone's ideas and suggestions for it is YOUR City that we are running and trying to do the best job possible. If anyone has any questions or comments, please feel free to call me at City Hall, (828) 465-7400, at work (828) 464-7887, or at home (828) 466-0462. I also invite you to attend city council meetings. Thank you for all your support and encouragement.



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Mayor and City Council's Goals for Year 2004-2005

MISSION:

As the county seat, we are dedicated to continue to be friendly, progressive leaders in our region. We will continue to provide quality, economical services, in an open and honest manner that meet the needs of all citizens, businesses, and industries.

CORE VALUES:

1. The City of Newton will operate in an honest, respectful, dependable, ethical manner.
2. Be responsive, timely, with resolution and closure with citizen inquiries and comments.
3. Foster teamwork - openness, trust, active listening, loyalty, constructive criticism amongst council members, city staff, and the public.
4. Be fiscally responsible and accountable to our citizens.
5. Be contributors to the community and ambassadors of the city.
6. Be innovative/creative thinkers who anticipate opportunities and empower city employees and city advisory boards to operate at a **HIGH LEVEL OF PERFORMANCE**.
7. Create and maintain a safe community for all our citizens.

MAJOR GOALS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2004-2005:

8. Newton will actively work to maintain and grow a diverse economy where businesses, industries, and residents will grow and thrive.
9. Provide quality police and fire service and facilities to ensure a safe environment for all citizens.
10. Maintain and strategically plan and develop a quality, cost-effective infrastructure for water, sewer, electric, and transportation systems for the benefit of all citizens.
11. Take the lead in creating and fostering effective relationships with governments in Catawba County and our region.
12. Continue to develop excellent working relationships between the city council, citizens, and city employees.
13. Market Newton and the region as an outstanding place to work, live, play and conduct business.
14. Expand the process of encouraging citizen input and involvement for the betterment of Newton.
15. Continue to provide outstanding recreation facilities, other facilities and programs, to enhance the quality of life in the City of Newton.
16. Newton will be an active participant and influence decisions made in our region and the State of North Carolina.

**Newton's Sesquicentennial
(1855-2005)**

Mark your calendar for an exciting year - 2005!

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City-Wide Clean-Up Event



Saturday, April 3, 2004

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

(Rain Date) Saturday April 17th

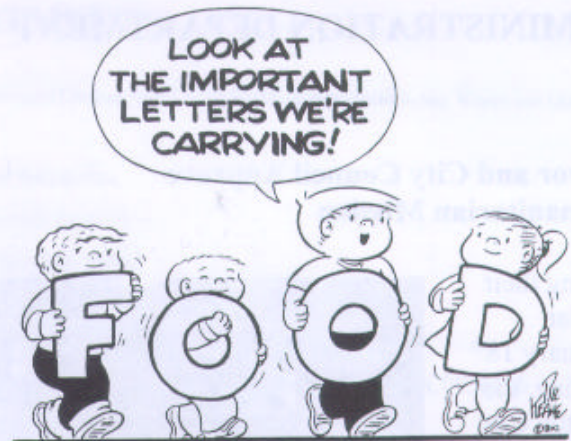
The City of Newton in conjunction with several Newton area community groups including Downtown Newton Development Association, Newton Area Council, Newton Appearance Commission, are organizing a community wide clean-up event.

The event is being held to provide an organized opportunity for area residents, civic/community groups, scout groups, youth groups, industries and commercial businesses to serve their community by cleaning up the environment in and around Newton. The City is actively seeking two levels of participation for this very special event. Levels of participation include the sponsor level and the volunteer level.

For more information on how you can become involved in this very special event as either a sponsor or volunteer, please contact Angie Harris at 828-695-4288.

Don't miss a great opportunity to get involved in your community!

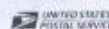
We Need Your Help!



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JUST PLACE NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS IN A BAG BY YOUR
MAILBOX, AND WE'LL DO THE REST! THANKS SO MUCH.

YOUR LETTER CARRIER

CALL BEFORE YOU DIG!

The City of Newton is now listed with the North Carolina One Call Center. If you need to do any digging on your property, you can now have all the utilities located with just one call.

If you don't have your utilities located before you dig, you could have a shocking experience. Please call 1-800-632-4949.

For local information, contact Andrew Roseblock,
Project Coordinator, Newton Public Works and
Public Utilities Department, at 828-695-4310.
aroseblock@newtonnc.gov

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ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

Bootsie Roberts, Public Information Director

Mayor and City Council Approve Humanitarian Mission

During their regular February 18th meeting, the Newton City Council decided to send two surplus fire trucks, one is a 1963 ladder engine and the other is a 1967 pumper truck, to the City of



City Manager Ed Burchins, Dr. Oberlin, and Fire Chief Kevin Yoder pose for a picture at Fire Station #1

Grenada, Nicaragua. This project has been in the planning stages for a couple of years, as Dr. Deloy Oberlin, a local anesthesiologist, brought the idea of the humanitarian act using an out-of-use fire truck to the Manager's attention. Dr. Oberlin has made many mission trips to Nicaragua during his career and expressed that the City is doing something great for this city.

City Manager Ed Burchins stated that Grenada is located in Central America's poorest nation and the city is faced with using Russian fire equipment that is in a state of disrepair. Newton's trucks will be a big help for that city. The trucks were taken to Charleston, South Carolina where they were transported to Nicaragua via a military transport plane through the Denton Humanitarian Aid Program. "This will provide good equipment to a country that has a real need for it and we are glad that we could send two trucks," said City Manager Burchins.

Love Your City? Please Get Involved!

Mayor Mullinax and the Newton City Council are seeking interested citizens who would like to serve on two new councils which will be established soon. The councils are the Community Relations Council and the Youth Council.

A **Community Relations Council** is a group of citizens appointed by the Mayor and City Council from diverse racial, ethnic, religious and professional backgrounds from throughout a city who are willing to volunteer their time and service and who will strive to bring about harmony, understanding and mutual respect among the people of their communities. A Community Relations Council is also designed to work with the Mayor, City Council and City Manager to facilitate the efforts of all who share a common goal for better community relations.

A **Youth Council** is a diverse group of young adults (age groups decided by the Mayor and Council), to work together to advise city officials about youth issues in their city and with a youth perspective on diverse issues while grooming young people to become tomorrow's community leaders.

All interested persons are encouraged to call City Hall at 828-465-7400 and leave your name and telephone number or mail the clipping below to: City of Newton, Public Information Office, P.O. Box 550, Newton, NC 28658. A letter/application will be mailed to you. Thank you for caring about your City.

Clip & Return

- Name _____
- Address _____
- Telephone _____

Please list the Council you are interested in joining:

- ☐ Community Relations Council
- ☐ Youth Council

Your comments about this opportunity: _____

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PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES DEPARTMENTS

Marty Wilson, Director of Public Works and Utilities

Wastewater System Performance City of Newton Wastewater System Performance Annual Report for 2003 February 13, 2004

I General Information

Applicable Permits: National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit Number - NC0036196
Land Application (Non-Discharge) Permit Number - WQ0003902

The City of Newton Public Works and Utilities Department views environmental protection as one of its top priorities. For this reason, the City actively participates in the collection, treatment and disposition of sewage generated within its boundaries.

Wastewater (sewage), discharged by customers, flows to the city owned and operated Clark Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant through a sanitary sewer system encompassing approximately 114 miles of sewer lines; four pump stations and a series of force mains. Upon arrival at the treatment plant, all wastewater is treated and discharged in an environmentally safe manner in accordance with National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) regulations.

Clark Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant completed in 1979 and upgraded in 1992 has the capacity to treat 7.5 million gallons of wastewater per day (MGD). The plant currently operates well below its permitted flow rate, averaging 3.7 MGD for 2003. To ensure compliance with all Federal and State laws regarding the safe treatment of wastewater, the City of Newton appropriates more than two million dollars (\$2,000,000.00) per year towards operating and maintaining its wastewater system. The City of Newton Wastewater Treatment Plant was issued one Notice of Violation in 2003 concerning the Residuals Land Application Program. Synagro Inc., the bio-solids management firm hired by the City of Newton, mistakenly applied stabilized class B residuals to a non-permitted field that adjoined a permitted site. This violation had no environmental impact on the land or waters of North Carolina. Synagro paid all of the related fines associated with this violation for which they were responsible. That non-permitted site was soon added to the over 600 acres of land that is permitted for residuals application included in Permit No. WQ0003902. Synagro has implemented procedures and employee training to ensure that this type of mistake will not reoccur.

II Performance

Yearly Performance:

In 2003, the City of Newton effectively treated one billion, three hundred fifty three million (1,353,000,000) gallons of wastewater. During this time, the City of Newton wastewater collection system experienced ten (10) overflows reaching surface water with less than 0.08% overflow into surface waters of the total flow amount tested. No overflow resulted in a fish kill or other negative environmental impact.

Monthly Performance:

In 2003, the City of Newton wastewater collection system experienced a total of ten (10) reportable Sanitary Sewer Overflows (SSO). All ten overflows reached surface water or a waterway. The City reported all SSOs reaching surface water or a waterway to the Mooresville Office of the N.C. Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Division of Water Quality in accordance with the City's Sanitary Sewer Overflow Policy and state law. A monthly account of all SSOs that discharged into surface waters is summarized on the next page:

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Month	# SSO	Location	Volume/month, gal.**	Cause
February	1*	Behind 252 Oakland Circle	<1000	Rags and debris in main sewer line
March	5*	804 Southwest Bl d. 1500 block N. Ashe and Main Manhole #830 & #2242 West 1st. Street (1000 block) Manhole #2260, #2263, and #2264 Hwy. # 10 West (1400 block) Between manhole #451 and manhole #1177	<812,200	Roots and paper Roots and debris Excessive inflow/heavy rain Excessive inflow/heavy rain Creek bank collapsed breaking sewer line
April	2*	Manhole #830 West 2 nd St. (1000 block) Manhole #2260 and #2263 Hwy. #10 West (1400 Block)	292,400	Excessive inflow/heavy rain Excessive inflow/heavy rain
August	1*	Burris Road Pump station manhole #1398	4,300	Control panel fuse blown
October	1*	Manhole #838	37,000	Sewer line collapsed

*SSOs reaching waterway; ** Total gallons reaching waterway for month

Homes, businesses, and industries discharge their wastewater (sewage) into the sanitary sewer system. Once the wastewater is discharged into the pipes, it travels through the collection system until it reaches the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The system is composed of a complicated network of pumps, manholes, standby generators and over six hundred thousand (600,000) feet of pipe. The Wastewater Treatment Plant is staffed and operated 24 hours per day, 365 days a year. City of Newton Public Works and Utilities staff includes 14 State Certified Operators, including five employees that hold the highest certification obtainable in North Carolina for Wastewater Treatment Operators. The Environmental Protection Agency has recognized the Clark Creek WWTP for Operation and Maintenance Excellence.

III. Notification

The City will notify the users of the wastewater system of this report by way of the City Newsletter, the City Web-site, and by announcement at a City Council meeting February 18, 2004.

IV. General Information

The City of Newton is responsible for maintaining unobstructed wastewater flow in the City owned sewer system. The line that connects a house or building to the City sewer system is called a service lateral. The property owner is responsible for maintaining the service lateral. If a blockage occurs causing a sewer backup, the city encourages residents to call the city so a crew can verify which part of the line is obstructed. A city crew will check the main line and clear the line if necessary. If the main line is clear, the property owner will be notified of the need to call a plumber to clear the service lateral. Occasionally there are blockages in service laterals that extend into the utility right-of-way. When this occurs, the City will check and clean the line to the "clean-out" if requested. However, the property owner is ultimately responsible for the entire length of the service lateral.

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Why do sewer lines block?

Many things can become lodged in a sewer line causing a backup; e.g. sticks, rocks, bricks, pieces of broken pipe, string, rags, GREASE, paper towels, newspapers, sanitary napkins, plastics, etc. Many blockages occur as a result of tree roots growing into sewer pipes. Roots collect grease and animal fat poured down drains. Over time, this collection of debris can cause an obstruction. You can help prevent sewer backups in your home and protect the environment if you adhere the following advice: **(1) Never flush or put anything down a toilet or drain that would clog a sewer line and (2) do not wash grease down a drain and (3) report any sewer overflow immediately.** It is a good idea to collect grease in a can or jar and put it in the refrigerator. When the container is full, and it solidifies, dispose of it with the household garbage.

The City of Newton has contracted with Ecological Services to perform a grease trap survey of all our commercial customers and we will review these results and implement any needed policy changes needed to control the oil and grease contributions to our system.

Questions?

Should you have any questions regarding the treatment of wastewater in your community or need to report a sewer problem, please feel free to call the City of Newton Public Works and Utilities Department at 828-695-4310. To report a sewer problem after 5:00 p.m. or on weekends, call 828-695-4306.

Thumbs Up From the Community!

• Public Works and Public Utilities Department

I am very pleased to say that the residents of Wyoming Street are satisfied with the water line that was installed on Wyoming Street. In any situation, the decisions that are rendered may or may not satisfy everyone. But, the professionalism, effort, patience, and support that I received from Mr. Ed Burchins and Mr. Martin Wilson were graciously appreciated. Both of these gentlemen answered my emails, calls, and met with me on several occasions during this process. It's very easy to see how the City of Newton got its' slogan. With great leaders such as Mr. Burchins and Mr. Wilson working for the city, there is no doubt why "The Heart of Catawba County" is in Newton, North Carolina. In closing, to all of the fine people who voted in favor of this project and for showing Christian love to the people of Wyoming Street, I will always be available for any kind of service that I can give to the City of Newton.

Thank You and God Bless You,

Jason Moore

• Public Works and Public Utilities Department

The Downtown Newton Development Association would like to share our deepest gratitude for your participation in the 2003 "Christmas in Downtown" holiday promotion. From the clip-clop of carriages riding through a downtown decked with holiday delight, to the smiling faces of children in wonderment over visiting Santa's headquarters, to the sounds of local talent bringing the spirit of the season to Court Square, Newton was alive and well during this most important of dates to our business community. Santa Central was a new offering for us this year and it brought approximately 1,500 people into downtown over the span of three Fridays. That is on top of the usual large crowd we normally draw. The important part is that it, along with our typical excitement for "Christmas in Downtown," brought people into Newton from Charlotte, Conover, Hickory, Lincolnton, Gastonia, High Point and other cities. They were thrilled to experience Newton during Christmas and many of them took the time to eat at available restaurants and shop at open stores. We even overheard a large number of comments about how refreshing it was to get away from the mall, and enjoy the benefits of small town living. I call that a great success for Downtown Newton, one that would not have been possible without your support and participation. At DNDA, we have one credence in which we share; if we work together, there is little that we cannot accomplish. Thanks to you, we have hundreds of citizens and visitors that now think highly of Newton and the holiday amenities we have to offer in Downtown. We want to express our sincere thanks to you for helping us make Downtown Newton a great place to work, visit, shop and play. Your contribution to "Christmas in Downtown" and Santa Central was very integral to the success of our mission to promote Newton, and to the overall success of those we represent in the Downtown Service District.

Stan Winstead, DNDA Board Chair, Pat Wilson, DNDA Coordinator, and Tim Elliott, DNDA Promotion Committee Chair

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Consumer Confidence Report for Year of 2003

Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

City of Newton

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The City of Newton proudly presents this year's Annual Quality Water Report. Details of this report highlight both the quality of water and service the City currently provides. If have any questions regarding the contents of this report, or general questions regarding your water service, please contact Tim Abernethy, at 828-696-4312.

Where does Newton's Water Come From? The Jacobs Fork River is the primary water source for Newton's drinking water. The Jacobs Fork flows approximately 20 miles over solid bedrock where it is well oxygenated and most volatiles are removed. The Jacobs Fork River has no commercial or city discharge facilities located along its 20-mile stretch adding to the purity of the water.

How is Newton's Water Treated for Drinking Purposes? Source water from the Jacobs Fork River is treated at the City of Newton Water Treatment Plant. During treatment, source water undergoes a series of processes: coagulation, sedimentation, filtration, and disinfection.

Coagulation—chemicals are mixed into the water to form a solid material around small particles in the raw water, causing them to clump together.

Sedimentation—particles settle to the bottom of large settling tank and then removed.

Filtration—water flows through filters of carbon and sand to remove any remaining particles.

Disinfection—chlorine is added to disinfect the water.

What You Need to Know About Your H₂O.

Drinking water originates from many places (i.e., oceans, rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, wells, etc.), sometimes traveling great distances before reaching its final destination. As a result, water collects a variety of substances or contaminants on its journey. Some of the nomenclatures are:

NTU-Nephelometric Turbidity Units, Turbidity units are a measure of the cloudiness of water.

Parts per Million(ppm)or milligrams per liter(mg/l)-one part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or one penny in \$10,000.

Parts per Billion(ppb)or Micrograms per liter- one part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.

Microbial contaminants, such as viruses, bacteria and other pathogens which may come from septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.

Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.

Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.

Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.

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All drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably contain small amounts of these contaminants. In accordance with state and federal law, the City Of Newton Water Treatment Plant routinely monitors drinking water for these types of contaminants.

For Your Information

The EPA prescribes regulations limiting the amount of certain contaminants in drinking water. To this end, the EPA sets Maximum Contaminant Level Goals (MCLG) and Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCL) to ensure your tap water is safe to drink. The Maximum Contaminant Level Goal is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety. The MCL is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology. In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for the public health.

Special Concerns

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care provider.

Cautionary Health Statement: Be Advised

Nitrate in drinking water at levels above 10 ppm is a health risk for infants of less than six months of age. High nitrate levels in drinking water can cause blue baby syndrome. Nitrate levels may rise quickly for short periods of time because of rainfall or agricultural activity. If you are caring for an infant you should ask advice from your health care provider. **Note: Newton's water has considerably less than 10 ppm Nitrate. (<1.00 ppm Nitrate)**

Infants and young children are typically more vulnerable to lead in drinking water than the general population. It is possible that lead levels at your home may be higher than at other homes in the community as a result of materials used in your home's plumbing. If you are concerned about elevated lead levels in your home's water, you may wish to have your water tested and flush your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using tap water. **Note: Newton's water has significantly less than the action level. The last testing was in the year 2003 and will be repeated in the year 2006.**

Additional information regarding contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

Detected Substances in Newton's Water

Table 1. Primary Substances Regulated at the Treatment Plant

Substance	Newton Result	Highest Level Allowed (MCL)	Ideal Goal MCLG	Major Source
Barium (ppm)	<0.4 mg/l	2 mg/l	2 mg/l	Erosion of natural deposits

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Fluoride (ppm)	0.95 mg/l	4 mg/l	4 mg/l	Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Erosion of natural deposits
Nitrate (ppm)	<1.0 mg/l	10 mg/l	10 mg/l	Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits. Run-off from fertilizer use.
Turbidity ntu (turbidity units)	All below < .3 NTU	*Treatment technique	<.3 NTU	Soil runoff

* A treatment technique is a required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

Table 2. Substances Regulated in the Distribution System

Substance	Result-	Range	Highest Level	Ideal Goal	Major Sources
TTHM (ppb)	Average for year 38.99 ppb	11 to 101 ppb	101 ppm 3 rd quarter 2003	<80 ppb yearly average	Chlorination of water
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5) 2003	58.444 ppb yearly avg.	15.5-109.7 ppb	110 ppb 3 rd quarter	<60 ppb yearly average	Chlorination of water
Total organic carbon	Raw 1.68 ppm Filtered <1.0 ppm	1.68ppm-<1.0ppm	1.68 ppm(river source)	< 2.0 ppm	Decomposition of organics
Copper (ppm) Tested in 2003 90 th percentile	0.186 (ppm) detected	Range 0.208-<0.05 ppm	*Action level=1.3 (ppm)	<1.3 (ppm)	Corrosion of copper pipes
Lead (ppb) Tested in June of 2003	All test were less than <0.003 ppm	All less than <0.003 ppb	*Action level=15 (ppb)	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems, erosion of natural deposits

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ARSENIC	LESS THAN <0.005PPM	NOT DETECTED	NOT DETECTED	NON	FOUND IN SOIL
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*An action level is the concentration of a contaminant, which, if exceeded, triggers treatment, or other requirements, which a water system must follow.

Table 3. Unregulated Volatile Organic Chemicals

<i>Substance</i>	Level Detected	Violation
Chloroform (ppb)	11.0ppb	No
Bromodichloromethane(ppb)	2.33ppb	No

This CCR was prepared by Tim Abernethy for the City Of Newton.

Tim Abernethy is the ORC at the Newton Water Plant and any questions or comments can be directed to him at the Newton Water Plant at 828- 695-4312. The City Of Newton Web site:: <http://www.newtonnc.gov>. The City of Newton has also finished a Source Water Assessment report or (SWAP).

This report tells where our water originates and what is done to protect your drinking water . This can also be found on the Newton web site by clicking on the SWAP button.

Thumbs Up from the Community!

- Public Works/Public Utilities Department:** Thank you for the opportunity to discuss my concerns with Public Works, with you and Mr. Wilson in connection with the problem on South Hedrick Street. I appreciate the prompt response and cleanup. I know you have a difficult job. I truly want to support the City as a citizen and wish you well. Thank you again.

Diane Smith
- Public Works/Public Utilities Department:** Dear Sir: I want to thank the Town Crew that picked up the parts of an old shed that my Dad built years and years ago. We are blessed to have these fine dedicated people helping us. Thank you.

Margaret Charles
- Public Works/Public Utilities Department:** Dear Mark: I enjoyed seeing your picture and reading the accompanying article in the January 30th edition of The Observer News Enterprise. The citizens of the City of Newton are fortunate to have you responsible for their streets since you are a dedicated employee who is proud of his work - particularly when your job is to make the town safe for everyone who lives there. Thank you for your dedication and working long hours. Keep up the good work!

With kindest regards,
Senator Austin M. Allran
- Public Works/Public Utilities Department:** Thanks to the City of Newton for Public Works and services. You're doing a great job. Our city is a pleasant place to live. God has truly blessed us.

Gary Hoffman

CITY MEETINGS

Appearance Commission	2nd Thursday, 7:00 p.m., Newton Recreation Center
Board of Adjustment	No regular schedule
City Council	1st Tuesday and 3rd Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., except July and December (Only one meeting is scheduled in July and December), at City Hall
Downtown Newton Development Association	2nd Tuesday, 8:00 a.m., 1924 Courthouse
Festival and Events Committee	2nd Monday 7:00 p.m. Newton Recreation Center
Off-Street Parking Committee	No regular schedule
Parks & Recreation Commission	2nd Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. Newton Recreation Center
Planning Commission	4th Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., City Hall
Police Advisory	1st Monday, 7:00 p.m., Newton Police Complex
Subdivision Review Board	2nd Wednesday & 4th Wednesday, 9:00 a.m., City Hall

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Al Gaither, Thomas Dixon,
Wayne Dellinger and Anne Stedman

CITY MANAGER

Edward F. Burchins

CITY ATTORNEY

Larry Pitts

NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

Beunice (Bootsie) R. Roberts, Public Information Director, Editor, Layout Design/Photographer. The Newton Newsletter is published quarterly - January, April, July, October. Contact Bootsie Roberts, Public Information Director, at 465-7400 if you would like to provide community information.

****The City Council's regular meeting time has been changed from 7:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Please make a note of this change.**

Thank you

NEWTON NEWSLETTER REPORTERS

Administration	Glenn J. Pattishall, Planning Director/ Assistant City Manager
	Rita K. Williams, City Clerk/Assistant to the City Manager
	Vivian Jordan, City Manager's Secretary
Finance	Jim Baker, Finance Director
Fire	Fire Chief Kevin Yoder
	Terence Shumate, Fire Inspector
Human Resources	Teresa Laffon, Director
Parks & Recreation	Sandra Waters, Director
	Carol Stiles, Assistant Director
	Marcia Winkler, Administrative Support Specialist
Police	Chief David Dial
Planning	Glenn J. Pattishall, Planning Director
	Alex Fulbright, Planner
Public Works and Public Utilities	Marty Wilson, Director
	Doug Wesson, Assistant Director
	Angie Harris, Projects Coordinator

SPECIAL ASSISTANCE FROM CITY VOLUNTEERS

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